



NORTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

2012 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NCCADV Agenda Items

State Funding

[SL 2012-142](#)

- General Appropriation: There are NO cuts to the domestic violence fund for distribution to local programs; state funding is maintained at \$4,619,298.
- Marriage License Fees: Marriage license fees are maintained at \$30/license to be allocated to the Domestic Violence Center Fund.
- Divorce Fees: Divorce fees are maintained at \$20/fee to be allocated to the Domestic Violence Center Fund.

TANF Funding

[SL 2012-142](#)

TANF funding in the amount of \$2.2 million is eliminated for domestic violence services to WorkFirst participants due to significant cuts in the federal TANF block grant.

Review DV Program Participation

[SL 2012-39](#)

Recommendation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic Violence

- Provides for review of a domestic violence offender's participation in a court-ordered abuser treatment program.
- Expands tracking of criminal domestic violence cases to include all acts of domestic violence as defined in Chapter 50B.

Status: Passed; effective date December 1, 2012

Require DV Training/Certain Persons

[HB 682](#)

Recommendation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic Violence

Requires domestic violence training for prosecutors, magistrates, mediators, custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, guardian ad litem, and educators in the public school system in collaboration with NCCADV.

Status: Did not pass

Housing Trust Fund Appropriation

NCCADV supports the Campaign for Housing Carolina to increase the appropriation to the Housing Trust Fund to increase the availability of affordable housing in NC.

Status: Funded at approximately \$8 million with funds from the National Mortgage Settlement.

Other Bills of Interest

Divorce/DVPO/Child Support Changes

[SL 2012-20](#)

Recommendation of the Family Law Council of the NC Bar Association

NCCADV opposed the **original version** of the DVPO section (Section 2) of this bill which removed the judge's discretion to order possession of and eviction from a residence in the ex parte order if the order was issued based on the harassment definition of domestic violence and stated that the ex parte order would expire if a hearing was not held within a specific time frame which could leave victims unprotected. NCCADV worked with the Bar Association and the bill sponsor to amend the bill so that the **final version** of the DVPO section removes the previous language and provides that a continuance of a DVPO shall be limited to one extension of no more than 10 days unless all parties consent and that the hearing shall have priority on the court calendar.

Status: Passed; effective date October 1, 2012

Req. DV Victim/List Prior Action Against Def.

[HB 199](#)

The **original version** of this bill required the Plaintiff to include in the DVPO complaint whether they had previously filed any action for domestic violence against the defendant and the disposition of the action. NCCADV worked with the bill sponsor to amend the bill so that the **current version** provides that the Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop a form to capture this information which shall be filed with the complaint for a DVPO.

Status: Did not pass; bill substituted for metal theft legislation

Handgun Permit Valid in Parks & Restaurants

[HB 111](#)

- Allows a concealed handgun in a restaurant if the person has a valid CCW permit unless the restaurant has posted a sign prohibiting handguns on the premises.
- Allows a concealed handgun on waters and grounds of the State Park System if the person has a valid CCW permit.
- Allows municipalities to exempt community recreation centers from the provisions in the bill by posting signs to that affect.

Status: Did not pass; NCCADV opposed this bill

Teen Dating Violence Prevention Act

[HB 1125](#)

Provides for education of high school students about teen dating violence and abuse and requires each local board of education to adopt and implement a dating violence and abuse policy.

Status: Did not pass

Accountability for Publicly Funded Non-Profits

[SL 2012-169](#)

Requires nonprofits with \$5,000 or more in government grants or loans to make their Forms 990 and basic financial information available for public inspection.

Status: Passed; effective date October 1, 2012

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